THE MINIS IER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Of HEALTH AMD FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SARUJ KHAPARDE): (a) to(c) The Diug Pr.ce Control 1987 is beiag administered by the Department of Cnemieais who ate the implementing authority.

Use of Hydrocortisone eye drops

4124. SHRl M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pieased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hydrocortisone eye drops cause irriiat on to the eyes and is therefore sparsely used;

(b) whether it is a act that among the corticosleioida, Betamethasone and Dexainethasone eye drops are preferred;

(c) the total annual sales of Betamethasone and Dexamethasone eye preparations; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Betametha sone and Dexamathasone eye d ops are ex tensively used in AI1MS, and Hydrocorti sone eye drops are rarely used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROI KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Information is not monitored by the National Programme for Control of Blindness.

(d) The choice of the drug for treatment of a disease depends upon its nature, stage severity and judgement of the attending physician.

Carelessness on the part of Ministry's Representative recommending drugs for Catcgory-H

4125. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the criterion of Kelkar Committee was that drugs having sales turn over of Rs. 50 Jakhc or more are included in category-II;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the negligence of his representatives more than 30 drugs are included in category-U in violation of the above criteria and over 100 have keen exclude;

(c) whether it is also a fact that public is suffering as a result of the above omiss ion ana commissious; and

(d) w'netner Government propose to make an inquiry into the matter;

IHE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE KJMAR1 SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) THE Ke.kar Committee wag set up by the Department of Chenu.chemicals for identification of Drugs under Category II of the DrugPrices Control Order, 1987, as per norms them. Disc epancies noticed in cate-ion of drugs under category II have been brought to the notice of the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemi-cals.

Drugs for Trachoma Control Programme

4126. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sales turn-over of Hydrocortisone drops during 1988 was Rs. 1.55 lakhs and that of Tetracycline Opthaimic Rs. 1 lakh Aureomycin Rs. 0.39 lakhs and of Terramycin Rs. 132.57 lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inelusioa of Hydrocortisone and Tetracycline for Tracoma Control Programme is an eyewash to deceive the public;

(c) what are the reasons for ignoring the effective and widely used drugs; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enquire into the matter and fix the responsibility in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARl SAROI KHAPARDE): (a) Information is not monitored by the National Programme for Control of Blindness.